

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 23

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of three contracts through the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) with: BAYLAR EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, Houston, TX for the purchase of two catch basin cleaner bodies in an amount not to exceed \$317,848.86; SANTEX INTERNATIONAL, San Antonio, TX for the purchase of 14 cab & chassis in an amount not to exceed \$1,016,964; HI-WAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Houston, TX for the purchase of two vibratory trench rollers in an amount not to exceed \$68,512.50.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$889,117.36 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$72,850 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$441,358 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

**Fiscal Note:** Fiscal notes are attached.

**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

These three contracts are for the purchase of 10 new, and eight replacement pieces of heavy equipment. The equipment will be distributed between the Austin Water Utility (AWU), Solid Waste Services (SWS), and the Public Works Department, Street & Bridge Division (PW).

Included in this purchase are the following pieces of equipment:

**AUSTIN WATER UTILITY**

- 2 Vibratory Trench Rollers - Replacement
- 2 Vac-Con Catch Basin Cleaner Bodies - New
- 2 Cab & Chassis for Vac-Con Catch Basin Cleaner Bodies - New
- 4 Cab & Chassis for Vactor 2103 Catch Basin Cleaner Bodies - 1 New, 3 Replacement
- 1 Cab & Chassis for Vactor 2110 Catch Basin Cleaner Body - New
- 1 Cab & Chassis for Pipehunter Sewer Cleaner Body - New

**SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

- 1 Cab & Chassis for Rear Loading Refuse Collection Body - New

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- 1 Cab & Chassis for Asphalt Distributor Body - Replacement
- 3 Truck Tractors - 1 New, 2 Replacement
- 1 Cab & Chassis for Concrete Mixer Body - New

The contracts include the purchase of 18 pieces of equipment for a total dollar amount of \$1,403,325.36.

With the exception of the truck tractors and cab & chassis for the Vac-Con catch basin cleaner bodies, all cab & chassis in this RCA will be used for mounting of bodies purchased under a separate contract. These cab & chassis will be drop-shipped to the respective body manufacturer for mounting.

All of the engine driven units are powered by diesel fuel. Non-powered units include the catch basin cleaner bodies that will be mounted on the truck chassis listed above.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Director and Assistant City Manager (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office. Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed equipment is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

Of the 10 replacements, all have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The eight new pieces of equipment were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

All of the vendors are under contract with the H-GAC to supply various types of trucks or equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the H-GAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.